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Observer status for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly at the request of China.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 14th and 31st meetings, on 15 October and 1 November 2018. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 17 August 2018 from the representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/73/194).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.7

5. At the 14th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of China, also on behalf of Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tonga and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft

[1] A/C.6/73/SR.14 and A/C.6/73/SR.31.

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resolution entitled "Observer status for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/73/L.7) and announced that Argentina, Cambodia, Israel, Nepal, the Netherlands, Romania, the Sudan, Turkey and Viet Nam had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 31st meeting, on 1 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.7 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank,

1. *Decides* to invite the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.